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In the claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~A~~ An apparatus comprising

a can having a top portion having a pull tab attached to the top portion of the can;

wherein the pull tab is able to be used to create an opening in the top portion of the can;

wherein after the pull tab is used to create an opening in the top portion of the can, and

while the opening is exposed, the pull tab is attached to the can;

further comprising

a cap for covering an the opening in a the soda can comprising

a depression; and

a peripheral flange connected to the depression and at least partially surrounding the depression; and

wherein the cap is separate from the pull tab so that the cap can be removed from the can without detaching the pull tab from the can.

2. (currently amended) ~~The cap apparatus of claim 1 wherein~~

the can is a soda can; and

wherein the depression is adapted to fit into the an opening of a soda can created by a pull tab.

3. (currently amended) ~~The cap apparatus of claim 1 wherein~~

there is a gap in the peripheral flange which allows the pull tab to fit over the depression.

4. (currently amended) ~~The cap apparatus of claim 1 further comprising~~

an inner wall which connects the depression to the peripheral flange.

5. (currently amended) A method comprising

pulling a pull tab ~~on attached to a top portion of a soda can~~ to create an opening in the ~~top portion of the soda can~~;

~~wherein the pull tab is pulled in such a manner that the pull tab remains attached to the top portion of the can after the pull tab creates the opening in the top portion of the can and while the opening is exposed;~~

covering the opening with a cap; ~~and~~

~~removing the cap from the opening without detaching the pull tab from the top portion of the can.~~

6. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein

the cap is comprised of a depression and a peripheral flange, wherein the depression is connected to the peripheral flange, and the peripheral flange at least partially surrounds the depression; and

wherein the step of covering the opening with the cap includes inserting the depression into the opening.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein

there is a gap in the peripheral flange which allows ~~a~~ the pull tab to fit over the depression.

8. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein

the cap is comprised of an inner wall which connects the depression to the peripheral flange.

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